

House Bill 167

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 33-23-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to authority of agent to act as adjuster, nonresident adjusters, and reciprocal agreements, so as to allow employees of licensed property and casualty insurers to adjust residential property insurance claims of \$1,000.00 or less without obtaining an adjuster license; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 33-23-29 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to authority of agent to act as adjuster, nonresident adjusters, and reciprocal agreements, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

“(b) No license by this state shall be required:

(1) Of a nonresident independent adjuster for the adjustment in this state of a single loss or of losses arising out of a catastrophe common to all such losses; ~~or~~

(2) Of a nonresident adjuster who regularly adjusts in another state and who is licensed in such other state, if such state requires a license, to act as adjuster in this state for emergency insurance adjustment work for a period not exceeding 60 days and performed for an employer who is an insurance adjuster licensed by this state or who is a regular employer of one or more insurance adjusters licensed by this state, provided that the employer shall furnish to the Commissioner a notice in writing immediately upon the beginning of the emergency insurance adjustment work. The Commissioner may by rule or regulation establish criteria and procedures for adjusters operating under this Code section; or

(3) Of an employee of a property and casualty insurer licensed to do business in this state, if such employee handles only claims with respect to residential property insurance in which the amount of the coverage for the applicable type of loss is contractually limited to \$1,000.00 or less.”

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SECTION 2.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.